

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005.

Claims 23 and 25-30 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected.

Claim 26 has been objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but the indication of allowable subject matter in such claims is noted with appreciation.

Claims 23 and 27-30 have been allowed.

Applicant has amended claim 25, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Claim Rejections

Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, as hereinafter set forth.

Applicant has amended independent claim 25 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter with Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant asserts that presently amended independent claim 25 is allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Objections to Claims/Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 26 stands objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but are indicated to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if placed in appropriate independent form.

Applicant has amended independent claim 25 from which claim 26 depends. Accordingly, dependent claim 26 is allowable.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claim 25 above should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application to clearly comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 132. Further, the amendments do not raise new issues or require a further search.

CONCLUSION

Claims 25 and 26 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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